

SANTA CLAUS TO RICH BUT STINGY CITIZEN - SUPPOSE YOU LOOK AFTER A FEW OF THESE POOR KIDS: I'VE GOT MORE OF THEM THAN I CAN ATTEND TO.

### HAYMAKING IN CHICAGO.

Good Crops Are Gathered in the Parks and Boulevards of the Great Metropolis.

Haymaking in Chicago's parks in autumn recalls to many a city man the experiences of his boyhood days. This feature of rural life still survives in the three divisions of the city. A walk along the boulevards and in sequestered nooks of Washington and Lincoln parks lately revealed a succession of nicely stacked haystacks, representing many tons of fine timothy hay. These small stacks are being carted away now to the park barns, to furnish food for the horses kept for service in the parks. Seventy tons of fine timothy hay have been harvested this season along Western avenue and in Washington park. By allowing the grass to grow long in some sections the rustic beauty of the pleasure ground has been enhanced, and a considerable source of revenue provided for park funds. In all about 35 acres of hay has been harvested this season, and the crop is worth in the neighborhood of \$500. Hay enough is thus raised to furnish fodder for the 120 park horses during the winter. In former times, before the big park meadow was improved for athletic sports, the Washington park farmers harvested double the amount of hay now gathered, and haymaking was carried on with modern mowing machines and presses. Now the grass is cut with scythes, stacked in cocks five feet high, and finally carried to the barn. In Lincoln park there are stretches here and there where the grass grows long, and is harvested within a few blocks of the handsome residences on the Lake Shore drive. In the West side parks the grass is mostly cut by lawn mowers. Scores of women and children follow the workmen and carry away the grass as it is cut to feed their cows or pigs or chickens.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

### A DURABLE SIGN.

It Was Used at Harper's Ferry Thirty Years Ago and Is Still in Good Order.

Inquiries have been received by the Baltimore & Ohio railroad concerning the man who painted a station sign at Harper's Ferry. The Western Society of Engineers has the sign now on exhibition in its rooms in Chicago, says the Baltimore American. The engineers are using every effort to ascertain who mixed the paint and applied it to the sign, which was placed in position at Harper's Ferry station about 30 years ago. The summer heat and winter storms have in no way dimmed the luster of the paint used to make the words "Harper's Ferry." The words stand out as boldly as the day they were formed by the artist's brush. The wood around the letters has been worn about one-sixteenth of an inch by sand beating against it by fierce winds, but the letters have withstood the elements. It is claimed that no paint manufactured nowadays is equal in durability to that which was applied to the old sign, and if the person who mixed it is living and will take advantage of the secret he possesses as to its composition, it is said he can, by engaging in the paint manufacturing business, soon accumulate wealth. Territory Unexplored. Throughout the entire world there are about 20,000,000 square miles of unexplored territory. In Africa there are 6,500,000 square miles; arctic regions, 3,000,000; antarctic regions, 6,300,000; America, 2,000,000; Australia, 2,600,000; Asia, 200,000, and various islands, 900,000. Dehorned Cattle in Maine. The practice of dehorning cattle is largely increasing in Maine, and it will probably not be many years before a cow with horns will be a curiosity. Population of the Earth. At the present rate of increase the population of the earth will double itself in 200 years.

### TO AVOID COUGHING.

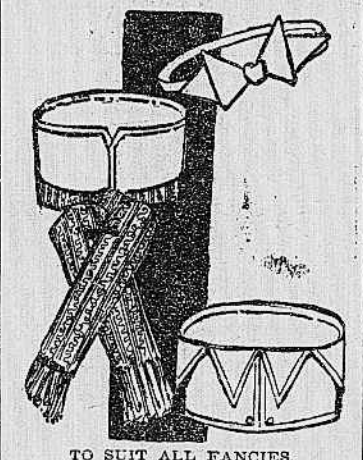
Draw a Deep, Long Breath and Hold It Until It Soothes Every Air Cell.

A physician who is connected with an institution in which there are many children, says: "There is nothing more irritable to a cough than coughing. For some time I had been so fully assured of this that I determined for one minute at least to lessen the number of coughs heard in a certain ward in a hospital of the institution. By the promise of rewards and punishments I succeeded in inducing them simply to hold their breath when tempted to cough, and in a little while I was myself surprised to see how some of the children entirely recovered from the disease. Constant coughing is precisely like scratching a wound on the outside of the body; so long as it is done, the wound will not heal. Let a person when tempted to cough draw a long breath and hold it until it warms and soothes every air cell, and some benefit will soon be received from this process. The nitrogen which is thus confined acts as an anodyne to the mucous membrane, allaying the desire to cough, and giving the throat and lungs a chance to heal."—Scientific American.

### NOVELTIES IN TIES.

Variety Now Displayed Is So Large That the Most Fastidious Woman Should Be Satisfied.

This season brings forth novelties in ties for the tailor made woman to satisfy the most fastidious. There are so many designs and all are so stylish that it is confusing to make a selection. There is a dainty little bow of black or colored satin which comes ready tied



### TO SUIT ALL FANCIES.

and which is usually adopted by women whose one thought is simplicity. For the "mannish" young woman, however, there is displayed upon the counters puff ties of the most brilliant plaids, stripes and figures. Then there are the points of linen sewed upon their tiny band and hemstitched by hand, for elderly ladies and those who are wearing black. And these are only a few of the many designs displayed upon the counters for the approbation of shoppers.

Tobacco Plant as a Floral Emblem. There is one flower, says a writer in a London paper, which has apparently been overlooked by Americans in their search for a suitable floral emblem, which, I think, is worthy of their attention. I refer to that of the tobacco plant (nicotiana) in its many varieties. It is handsome; the plant is, I believe, indigenous to America, and its importance as the source of the human race is indisputable.

Abdul Hamid as a Pistol Shot. The sultan, in fear for his personal safety, has taken to revolver practice. He shoots at a target daily, and has, it is reported in Paris, become so proficient that he can fire with equally fatal facility with either his right or his left hand.

### THE EXTINCT WILD PIGEON.

A Liberal Reward Offered Has Failed to Produce a Single Bird.

The Smithsonian institution has announced that all efforts on its part to obtain a live specimen of the wild or passenger pigeon have resulted in failure. Notwithstanding a liberal reward was offered by the institution, and much correspondence and inquiry carried on, no live passenger pigeon has been produced.

That this native American bird is extinct will no doubt astonish many persons, for but a few years ago they were so numerous as actually to seem to outnumber the leaves on the trees through which they drove their amazingly rapid flight. Persons yet in middle life can remember the vast flights of pigeons that could be seen any day in the fall after the middle of October. The birds in these flights were so numerous that they stretched across the sky from horizon to horizon, and were so closely packed together that the sun was hidden for hours at a time.

Audubon, America's greatest ornithologist, observed a flight of pigeons in Kentucky that extended as far as the eye could reach, and was more than five hours in passing. He attempted to compute the number of individual birds in the flight, and found that beyond question there were more than 500,000. Further, he estimated that there could not have been less than that number in the smaller flights which were observed passing northward in great numbers early in the day, flying very swiftly and unusually high. The first flights appeared to be the vanguard of an immense army patrolling the blue field of heaven, the advance unheralded by banner or bugle, yet possessing the dignity of overwhelming numbers. Audubon observed with the utmost wonder that the number of flights visible early in the day increased and multiplied until the earth was fully canopied with the feathered hosts, through which only glimpses of the sun could be seen. When the main body of the rank and file had passed, there were yet detached regiments of guards to cover the rear of the fleeing army. These stragglers continued to be seen for hours after the main body had disappeared. This wonderful flight is well authenticated by many persons who were then living in the section of the country the birds flew over.—Indianapolis News.

### SCHOOL AND CHURCH.

Montana has 90 Methodist churches. The Lutheran church has 112 institutions of learning in the United States.

In France degrees and diplomas are granted by the government, and not by the universities, as in this country. The students of Princeton support a foreign missionary, who is elected yearly by popular vote.

The Lutherans of Waynesboro, Pa., have decided to adopt the use of individual communion cups. The will of James W. Keep, late of Westfield, Mass., leaves the sum of \$5,000 to Northfield seminary. The number admitted to church membership in the Universalist church during 1897 was 2,512, showing a net gain of 503 names, and a total membership of 51,247.

In nearly 300 London churches and chapels on a recent Sunday sermons were preached by clergymen of every denomination on the duties of citizenship. Five years ago a movement took shape to establish what is now known as "Citizen Sunday," those clergymen committing themselves to the plan of pledging themselves to try on one Sunday in the year at the time of the elections to inculcate the principles of good citizenship.

Red Letter Day. Counsel (to witness, the father of a family)—Why are you so certain, Mr. Branch, that the event occurred on such a date? May you not be mistaken? "Impossible, sir. It was the day I didn't have to buy any of my children a pair of shoes."—London Punch.

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